



**NOTE:** This document is essentially the same as my earlier-filed Amendment/Response dated December 2, 2003, except this document includes reference to the cancellation of Claims 1-20. My earlier failure to mention the cancellation of Claims 1-20 apparently prompted a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of January 6, 2004. Thank you, Examiner Ellis.

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Dear Examiner Bleck:

Thank you for your Detailed Action having a mailing date of September 3, 2003, and your time in granting an interview on November 12, 2003.

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